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Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

As of 1400 hours today the following information was relayed by OSC Geoff Garrison to REOC. The condo complex consists of 22 units, 8 of which are privately owned. Maintenance of the 8 units is left to a management company who arranged to have pesticide applied to the interiors, in this case Terminex on St. Thomas who apparently sub-ed it out to a local business person. It was applied in a lower unit and the fumes seemingly moved upwards into the unit above which was subsequently occupied by a family on vacation. The pesticide applied was methyl bromide, prohibited for residential use by EPA in 2005, although some exemptions for farm use are allowed until pre-existing supplies are exhausted. EPA will enter and sample/test the lower and upper units.

EPA OSCs are working with DPNR reps to try to locate any warehoused containers of the pesticide and are drafting sampling plan and HASP. Personnel on scene are two EPA OSCs, 2 SERAS techs and 2 RST techs. ERT indoor air scientist will arrive on St. Thomas later this evening. ORC has assigned two attorneys to this incident, one for CERCLA and one for Pesticides. CID has 3 special agents enroute to the scene.